



DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Cydney Neville, Director of Community Services

DATE: July 29, 2013

RE: Monthly Department of Community Services Update

Priorities:

- Summer Youth Internship Program
- Fall Festival
- Dumfries Cares

Dumfries Cares

The *Dumfries Cares* program is currently running Summer Programs for youth in the community. The program operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and has a focus on education, group mentoring, fostering positive behaviors and health.

Summer Enrichment Program: 10
Summer Bridge Program: 7

The Parenting Program is set to begin on Thursday, August 22nd.

Information for 1:1 mentoring and the After School program will be advertised late August.

*On July 25th, I had the pleasure of attending the Virginia Municipal League Education & Human Development Policy Committee Meeting. This meeting spoke to the importance of the objectives of Dumfries Cares, because community outreach that fosters environments conducive to learning, and opportunities that foster positive relationships for families...especially those that compliment local schools, are a part of the solution to some of the issues that are dealt with in public schools.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is held Saturday mornings from 8am-noon. We have a farmer at the market, who offers a variety of fresh produce, as well as an organic jam vendor, and iced coffee vendor.

We are still accepting new vendors, for August! Si desea participar, por favor contacte al Director de Servicios a la Comunidad, se habla español. 703.221.3400 ext. 144

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is being advertised in the community. There is a flyer posted, as well as registration information for vendors and "Dumfries Has Talent Participants!" The event will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Garrison Park. The event will start at 11am, and conclude at 6:30pm. (Vendors will have to shut down by 5pm; food vendors can sell until 6pm) The band will play from 4:30pm-6:30pm, which will lead into our final "Movie on the Lawn," for the summer-"Wreck it Ralph."

Movies on the Lawn

Thanks to a partnership with Pillar Church, we will have the following "Movies on the Lawn" events:

- 8/2 Willie Wonka (1977 version)
- 9/14 Wreck it Ralph

Movies will begin at sunset, and are FREE and open to the public.

Summer Youth Internship Program

Our Interns, Ms. Asyah Slade and Ms. Janel Talbert, have been working with all of our departments, and have been a great help to cover the phones in the front office. They are half way through their program, and look forward to continuing to work with Council, and departments, for the remainder of their program.

Grants

- Dumfries Cares
- Walmart Grant- The Department of Community Services has received \$5,500 in grant funding from the Dumfries Walmart to support our Market and Health Initiative! Funds provided will: cover the Market Manager, help to advertise the weekly nutritional option in the community (to include a banner and tent fold sign), provide funding for the Grand Opening, nutritious educational materials for youth who attend, provide pedometers for a walking program, and bags to give to the first 100 visitors!

ON-GOING ITEMS:

Senior Luncheon

In August, seniors will be treated to a dinner by the Police Department during the National Night Out event. Our regularly scheduled Senior Luncheons will pick up in September.

English as a Second Language

The Town's FREE ESOL classes are offered on Tuesdays from 10am-noon, in the Community Center! Fifteen students participated in class, this month.

SAVE THE DATES:

2013-2014 Community Events

August 23, 2013

Parks and Recreation Concert

September 6, 2013

Parks and Recreation Concert

September 14, 2013

12th Annual Fall Festival

Featuring the "3rd Annual Dumfries Has Talent Competition"

December 7, 2013

Christmas in Dumfries

Town Christmas Tree Lighting

December 14, 2013

39th Annual Christmas-Holiday Parade

February 8, 2014

Annual Black History Month Celebration

April 5, 2014

Quantico Creek Clean-up

April 12, 2014

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

May 3, 2014

5th Annual Multicultural Festival

Community Partnerships

- Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William County-ESL classes (<https://sites.google.com/site/litvolpw/>)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension-PWC-Parenting classes, 4-H resource, nutrition resource (<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/prince-william/>)
- Sonia Hoehn-ESL Instructor.
- Pillar Church-Movies on the Lawn, volunteers. (<http://www.pillardumfries.com/>)
- Virginia Credit Union